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The Wheat Pool and Politics

In the year 1919, the wheat crop of Canada was sold through a Government wheat board. The farmers sought the continuation of this board for a further period of twelve months, but were unsuccessful. They then endeavored to bring about the establishment of a voluntary contract pool, through the instrumentality of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. This undertaking, however, never got beyond a committee appointed from the various farmers' organizations. Realizing that results from such a committee could not be hoped for, the farmers turned again to the Government for a wheat board to market the crop of 1922. Their efforts failed.

THE CONVENTION RESOLUTION

In the meantime some members of the U. F. A. began to realize that serious difficulties militated against the three Provinces moving together as a unit in the initial stages of the development of a central selling system, and at the last Annual Convention of the U. F. A. a resolution was adopted to the effect that if the effort to obtain an inter-Provincial Wheat Board should fail, Alberta should undertake to establish a board on a Provincial basis.

After the defeat of the Wheat Board Bill in the Manitoba Legislature this season, and while a final effort was being made to establish a wheat board for the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, it became apparent that the establishment of a board for the two Provinces was by no means certain. In view of this uncertainty, and of the fact that the board if established would be of a temporary character, the only plan which could lead to a permanent solution of the marketing problem being a voluntary co-operative pool, "The U. F. A." committee authorized the publication of Mr. Sapiro's Minneapolis address as a special supplement to the issue of June 15th. This address, of course, had been available to all the other papers in Alberta, but none of them had made use of it. Its publication by the urban press would doubtless have proved of great educational value in the urban centres.

The decision that a wheat board could not be formed to handle the 1923 crop was made by the Governments concerned on June 21st. This seemed to destroy all hope of a compulsory board being established, and threw the farmers back on the organization of a voluntary pool, in which undertaking there had been such a complete failure in 1921. At a meeting held in Winnipeg a few hours after the collapse of the effort to form a wheat board, representatives of the Alberta Government and of the U. F. A. announced that Alberta would in all likelihood proceed at once to organize a Provincial voluntary pool. This announcement was made on the evening of June 21st. During the following week informal conferences were held between officers of the U. F. A. and members of the Alberta Government, looking to the organization of a pool.

Since the organization of a Wheat Pool for Alberta was commenced by the U. F. A., a portion of the press of the Province has been endeavoring to drag this vitally important economic question into the field of political controversy, and has launched an attack upon the organization which is in process of forming the Pool. The attack was launched very shortly after the actual work of organizing the Provincial Pool began. An appeal was made to the farmers to withdraw their confidence from their own representatives, now engaged in this serious task, at the very moment when these representatives were leaving for Regina to seek inter-Provincial co-operation in the development of a general marketing agency. In the article below past developments are reviewed and the situation which has recently arisen is discussed.

BOARD COMMENCES ORGANIZATION

From July 3rd to 6th a meeting of the U. F. A. Central Board was held, and after going into the matter as fully as possible, the Board decided to proceed with the formation of a voluntary pool, on the contract system, as expeditiously as this could be done. However, it was realized by a large majority of the Board that success meant everything, that the organization must be upon a basis sound at every point. The organizational work will take time—nobody knows just how much, but those who have made the most thorough inquiry into the matter see little reason to hope that the Provincial Pool can be perfected in time for the handling of

the crop this year. Some of those who are giving their attention to the problem think that the pool can be completed in time to handle a part of the crop of 1923; others are in doubt, but all want to get it ready as soon as practicable.

As announced in the last issue of "The U. F. A.", a special committee was appointed by the U. F. A. Board, and the work of organization has been entrusted to this committee, which is going ahead with the undertaking. A committee appointed by the Provincial Government is in the United States, meeting competent authorities, and investigating the principles upon which commodity pools are being operated, and the legislation which will be necessary to give a commodity pool power and protection. The committee is also inquiring into the practical working of the pools now in being and ascertaining the measure of success which has been achieved by each of these. Last week the committee was in conference with Mr. Sapiro.

THREE PROVINCES MOVING TOGETHER

The steps described above, towards the completion of the organization of a pool which must stand all tests, had been taken by the U. F. A. and the Provincial Government, and the Government committee was already at work in the Western States, when a conference of representatives of the United Farmers of Alberta, the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and the United Farmers of Manitoba, was called. This conference took place in Regina on July 23rd. As the outcome, all three Provinces are now moving as Provincial units in the primary organization of pools, with a view to the actual selling of wheat being carried on, finally, through a single agency, but it was by Alberta that the initiative was taken.

The foregoing is a very brief outline of what has been done by the U. F. A. and the Alberta Government towards the organization of a wheat pool, up to the present. This outline does not include an account of what the other Provinces are doing, nor of what is being done to establish a central selling agency for the three Provinces. What Alberta has done and is doing is alone dealt with here.

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EDITORIAL

Everyone who can do so should attend the meetings to be addressed by Aaron Sapiro in Alberta this week. The circumstance that a portion of the press of the Province has sought to exploit the occasion for political purposes will not detract from the value of Mr. Sapiro's addresses.

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If the forces which are endeavoring to bring the subject of the Wheat Pool into the realm of controversial politics succeed, they will have accomplished more than can be accomplished in any other way to jeopardize its prospects of success. The U. F. A. has sought to prevent the introduction of any controversial spirit into the discussion. The organization and the Alberta Government alike are devoting their best efforts to the serious task in hand, and there is not a newspaper in the Province which does not know, or if it does not know, could not readily ascertain these facts.

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"The Alberta farmer's effort to market his grain to the greatest possible advantage will be watched with sympathy. All classes want the farmer to prosper. But just as the farmers' prosperity means prosperity to other classes, so, we feel, there is necessity of the farmer seeking all the help he can from outside sources. The narrow, economic-political group theory on which President Wood has fed them in recent years does not jibe with the need the farmer has of the co-operation of all other classes in his present problems. . . The Alberta farmers are shunting that desirable co-operation to one side by their insistence on an antipathetic political doctrine which has alienated the balance of the public from them."

The above quotation is from the Calgary Herald. The Herald, it may be noted, admits that "the farmers' prosperity means the prosperity of all other classes," but suggests that before other classes will be ready to co-operate with the farmer in the interest of general prosperity, the farmers must be required to yield their right to exercise their own citizenship in their own way.

Possibly this is the Herald's conception of "broad-mindedness," though we doubt that it is a true expression of the attitude of a representative number of the members of other classes. The Herald speaks of the "narrow economic-political group theory," and has a right to its own opinion as to what is narrow-minded, and to its own conception of the rules of logic. But then, so have the farmers.

* * *

Definite steps towards the organization of an inter-Provincial selling agency to market the wheat of the various Provinces were taken at the Regina conference, and a committee appointed to carry forward the work which has been begun. The decision of the conference was unanimous. The

organization of the Alberta Wheat Pool will not be affected in its initial stages by this decision, but greater efficiency in marketing and a substantial reduction in overhead charges will result from inter-Provincial co-operation in marketing, when this can be made possible. The work immediately to hand is the organization of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

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If the enthusiasm displayed at the organization meetings held in Southern Alberta and elsewhere during the past ten days is any criterion, very few farmers will wish to hold aloof from the Voluntary Contract Pool.

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Some Alberta newspapers and politicians find an occasion for satire in the visit of two members of the Alberta cabinet to the United States for the purpose of gathering first-hand information on the results achieved by various forms of co-operative pools, and for the study of the legislation under which they are operating. Every humorist to his taste, but the devising of an efficient system of co-operative marketing for farm products is a serious matter to the farmers of Alberta. The establishment of a commodity pool for the sale of wheat is not the only task facing the producers, but it is the problem of most obvious urgency, and it will not be solved until a plan has been fully worked out under sound legislation.

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Last Sunday, in the City of Toronto, some hundreds of citizens participated in a demonstration against war. In many Canadian cities eloquent speakers appealed for the devising of means to prevent future conflicts between the powers. Unimpeachable sentiments were expressed in resolutions carried with unanimity and enthusiasm. Various remedies were proposed, from the League of Nations to general disarmament. The child-like faith in the League of Nations of several of the demonstrators was a conspicuous feature of the celebrations.

The discouraging aspect of these protests against war is that almost all of them fail to take account of the fact, recognized by the economists, that war cannot be prevented so long as its primary cause, which is economic, remains. So long as the cause is untouched, "disarmament" will not prevent war; it will only cheapen it. The Washington conference imposed a restriction on dreadnoughts, but it could not arrest the progress which is being made in the art of manufacturing poison gas. Nor could it even check the development of the submarine or of air fleets. And by the nature of things, while war remains the logical outcome of economic policy, real disarmament will not be sanctioned by those who have privileges to maintain. Bernhardt's saying, "War is the continuation of politics", was a platitude.

As the New York Freeman recently observed, almost all the official spokesmen for peace turn a blind eye to the cause of war, though "it is commonsense that such an analysis (of the cause) must precede any effective remedy, just as diagnosis of a disease must precede the cure of the disease. When the causes of war are made clear, there will be no trouble in bringing about such modifications of the social order as will destroy war at its source by breaking up its breeding places, but until then no patent medicine or shotgun prescription for the suppression of war will be worth a moment's notice."

It is possible that an intelligent study of some of the evidence presented at the recent Parliamentary inquiry into the relation of credit and finance to the problems of production and distribution would do more towards the ending of war than any number of demonstrations, useful, perhaps, as these may be on occasion, in calling attention to the seriousness of the problem.

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The Macleod Marketing Project and the Provincial Wheat Pool

A Review of Recent Development in the Field of Co-operative Marketing—The Question of Politics

By Col. C. W. Robinson

As one of the rank and file, a farmer who is unconnected with any of the central committees of the U. F. A., but who feels very keenly the necessity for developing with all possible speed a sound system of co-operative marketing for farm products, I should like, with your permission, to review the situation as I see it today.

I think it is vitally important that we should be clear and definite in our ideas on this matter, because a section of the press has been endeavoring to take advantage of the farmers' dire extremity to introduce politics into a subject which should be above politics, and to cause dissension in our organization, just as this same section of the press has done on many past occasions. The necessity for united action by the farmers has never been so urgent as it is today. On no account should we allow any influence to weaken our organization at a time when its maintenance at full strength is essential to success, for this organization is after all the body of farmers who have always taken the active leadership in advancing the interests of the primary producer.

U. F. A. Begins Organization for Pool
Realizing, as all of us have done, that the creation of a voluntary pool would be an undertaking of great magnitude, we sought to secure a compulsory wheat board to handle our wheat as a temporary measure, and thus to give us time to organize a pool as a permanent solution of our marketing problem. We called for the creation of a wheat board at our last Convention, and since then (until a few weeks ago, every hope of the formation of a board was lost), I believe that our organization and the Alberta Government have exerted every possible effort to carry the Convention resolution into effect. On the day when their efforts had to be abandoned, it was announced that the U. F. A. would proceed to organize a pool, and the association has been actively at work on this problem ever since. That is the thing which interests us today.

A great deal has been done, both by the U. F. A. Central Board, through the standing marketing committees and later through the Wheat Pool Committee, and by the Provincial Government. Our organization is the only body which has taken any definite steps to build up the necessary machinery, but being farmers and having a great deal at stake, they have given due consideration to the magnitude of the problem, and because of what they have at stake, have not been willing to jeopardize the prospects of success by launching ill-considered plans, but have been devoting themselves at great personal sacrifice, to the working out of the necessary machinery.

The Macleod Meetings

Quite recently a very important move has been made in the area included in the Macleod Federal Constituency. I will refer to this later.

The article published on this page was written in the form of a letter to the editor by Col. C. W. Robinson of Munson, following the meeting at Macleod last week, when the organization of the Southern Alberta Producers' Association, Ltd., for the marketing of all farm products on the commodity basis was commenced. The meeting decided to take immediate steps to organize a wheat pool in the district, to link up with other similar associations when possible, and to assist the Provincial Legislature and the U.F.A. in the formation of a Provincial Wheat Pool.

Our Government has sent a committee of two members appointed for the purpose to the Western States to investigate the working of the various commodity pools in operation there—to learn of the exact results achieved in each case, from the standpoint of the producer, and also to study the legislation under which these pools are formed, in order that legislation adapted to Canadian requirements, may be enacted in Alberta, and that we may not, after a pool has been brought into being, be hampered by any legal technicalities. This information is being procured for our especial benefit, and will be available whenever we care to use it.

At the last Annual Convention of the U. F. A. we asked for the development of a plan for the marketing of all farm products. Yet our Convention made no provision for the necessary funds. In spite of that omission, however, three of our members were chosen by the Board as a wheat pool committee, and have worked under great difficulties and at great sacrifice of time and money. They now have a store of information upon which we can draw. They have also met in conference representatives of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and in our behalf have pledged and received pledges of co-operative support from both Provinces. In all these matters the U. F. A. has taken the initiative.

Suggests Constituency Action

Now, fellow farmers, I want to ask you, is it fair to ask these three members of the Board to start a wheat pool with the information which they have gathered to date, or should we not rather use our Federal Constituency autonomy to organize in these areas Federal Constituency pools, with the idea of taking the Macleod Constituency as a nucleus, and as we are ready, joining with them in such a way as to form a Provincial pool?

What the Press Omitted

To make this clear I will explain that farmers in the Macleod Federal Constituency, at the meeting on July 26th which I attended, endorsed a definite plan of action. The Macleod Constituency farmers—and I want to give them credit for it—are further organized along real co-operative lines than those of any

other constituency. At this meeting the work carried on by the U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee was highly commended (the daily press carefully abstained from mentioning this fact), and a policy which is outlined in the resolution below was decided upon. Incidentally, I might point out, though this again was not referred to in the press, very strong censure was expressed of the efforts made by certain newspapers to make the wheat pool a political matter, and to suggest to the farmers that they should no longer place faith in the possibility of working through their own organization.

The Resolution

The resolution read:

"Resolved, that we take immediate steps to organize an association to be known as the Southern Alberta Producers' Association, Ltd., said association to be formed for the handling of all farm products on the commodity basis as soon as possible, and that steps be taken immediately to organize a wheat pool in this district as a commodity to be handled on this basis. And, further, that it is the intention of this association to link up with any other associations formed along similar lines for the purpose of selling through one agency, and further, that this association shall co-operate with the Provincial Legislature and the United Farmers of Alberta so as to assist them in the formation of a Provincial Wheat Pool.

"Two—Resolved, that this meeting shall appoint a provisional board of directors to carry out the provisions of the previous resolutions, and to prepare the necessary details of incorporation, by-laws and form of contract, said directors to be appointed from districts that have expressed their desire to join such association by resolution duly passed at meetings called for that purpose.

"Three—Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that two forms of contract should be prepared, one for general farm produce and one for wheat alone.

"Four—Resolved, that we recommend to the board of directors that they work along the lines of the Pincher Creek Co-operative contract for general produce and for wheat the tentative draft read the meeting by the secretary.

"Five—Resolved, that we recommend to the Provincial directors that they meet Aaron Sapiro on his visit to Calgary on August 2nd."

I may say that Mr. Lunn stated in the course of the meeting that he had gone to Calgary fully persuaded that a general Provincial wheat pool could and should be organized for the 1923 crop, and that it was only after the closest investigation that the committee had come to the opinion that taking all obstacles into consideration, it could not be done, and that an attempt to rush the undertaking would jeopardize the whole project.

The Provisional Board

The meeting at Macleod appointed the following as a provisional board: W. H. Shields, M.L.A. for Macleod; T. C. Milnes, M.L.A. for Claresholm; S. S. Sears, Nanton; G. L. Stringham, M.L.A. for Cardston; R. A. McLeod, Granum; A. H. Lynch Staunton, Pincher Creek, and E.

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The Wheat Pool, the Propagandists, and the Facts

By Stephen Lunn, Chairman U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee

Owing to the continuous efforts of certain newspapers in this Province to mislead our members and fellow farmers concerning the Wheat Pool for Alberta, it seems imperative that the facts of the case should be placed before the people.

As soon as it became certain that there was not going to be a wheat board this year and that the selling of the wheat would of necessity be left in the usual channels, the U. F. A. started to investigate the feasibility of a pool to handle the 1923 crop. All was done that was possible and a report was made to the Board of Directors. I wish to emphasize the fact that the men that investigated and also the members of the Board were all very anxious to get a pool in operation this year.

Obstacles to Be Overcome

The obstacles that stand in the way of obtaining that objective are such that it will take considerable time to overcome them. Some of them are as follows: (1) There is no legislation that is suitable for the organization of a pool; (2) we can have no storage facilities without making arrangements with the various grain companies; (3) the need of a Government guarantee; (4) the short time in which to get contracts signed and to get the necessary organization work carried out.

While these are obstacles in the way of hurried action they can all be overcome in time.

After careful consideration your Board decided to organize an Alberta wheat pool to come into effect as soon as possible. This task was delegated to a Wheat Pool Committee who commenced work immediately.

The other two Western Provinces have also decided to organize Provincial pools and the three Provinces plan to sell all the wheat through one agency to be set up and controlled by themselves.

The Alberta Government is willing and anxious to assist in all ways possible and has sent two members to investigate the problem as it is being tackled elsewhere. The Government has also stated its intention to get Aaron Sapiro here to render what advice and service he can.

This does not seem to suit certain of the newspapers in this Province and they are making a determined attempt to stir up discord in our organization. We read continually statements to the effect that the U. F. A. is not doing anything. Some of the papers are making arrangements to bring Sapiro into Alberta for the purpose of organizing a Wheat Pool when they have already stated that in their opinion a Provincial pool is not possible this year. An attempt has been made to show that the proposed small pool in Southern Alberta is being organized by a disgruntled bunch of U. F. A. men. In fact no step is being omitted that will cause the farmers of Alberta to be dissatisfied with their own organization.

The newspapers that are undertaking to bring Sapiro here are well aware that

he was going to be brought here, but not until such times as his services could be most usefully employed.

To Whose Advantage?

I should like to ask every member of the U. F. A. the following questions, and I will leave you to answer them yourselves.

1. To whose advantage would it be to see a pool organized that would prove a failure?

2. To whose advantage would it be to create a split in the U. F. A.?

3. To whose advantage would it be to create a split between the U. F. A. and the Provincial Legislature?

Exchange of Letters on Mr. Sapiro's Visit

The following correspondence has passed between President Wood and Mr. J. H. Woods, editor of the Calgary Herald, with reference to the arrangements for Mr. Sapiro's visit to Alberta:

July 6th, 1923.

J. H. Woods, Esq.,
Editor, The Calgary Herald,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Woods:—

I have been busy with our Board meeting, which adjourned last evening, and have been unable to communicate sooner with you in regard to your proposition to bring Mr. Sapiro into Alberta to address meetings on the principles of co-operative marketing of farm products. At the time you were speaking to me, I knew that the Alberta Government was contemplating doing the same thing, but on referring your proposition to the Board meeting at which a representative of the Government was present, I found that the Government was already in communication with Mr. Sapiro, with a view to getting him up here to assist in working out the technical details of framing the necessary legislation and working out other details incidental to the organization of a voluntary wheat pool, and incidentally to address a series of meetings.

Our Board manifested much pleasure on receiving your generous offer, and expressed a keen appreciation, but after fully discussing the matter, decided that as the Government was bringing Mr. Sapiro up in any event, and at a time that would suit their own convenience, it would be better to have the meetings at the same time, and that the Board would not be justified in accepting your generous offer to bring him up just for the purpose of holding the meetings.

I also conveyed to the Board your offer of the Herald's assistance and co-operation in the organization and conduct of the voluntary wheat pool. The Board expressed its appreciation of this offer and I was asked to express that appreciation to you.

While, as you no doubt already know, we have decided that it will not be possible to get the pool organized in time to handle the 1923 crop, everything is moving along satisfactorily, and we have no doubt that the pool will be organized

and ready for operation within the next twelve months. We believe that the efficient merchandising of farm products is vital to the best interests of all the people of Alberta, and we are much pleased that all interests are beginning to see this and are also beginning to manifest a disposition to support our efforts to this end.

Thanking you personally and in the name of the U. F. A. for the zeal you are manifesting in the support of our efforts, I am,

Yours most sincerely,
H. W. WOOD,
President.

THE CALGARY HERALD

Calgary, July 10, 1923.

H. W. Wood, Esq.,
President United Farmers of Alberta,
Lougheed Bldg., Calgary.

Dear Mr. Wood:—

I received your letter of July 6th and thank you both for it and for the kindly tone that pervades it. I quite appreciate that if the Government is bringing Mr. Sapiro up in any event, it would be better that the Government should do it at its own convenience and at such time as will be most useful to its inquiry. I trust, however, that you will keep me informed concerning this or any other matter or matters affecting the wheat marketing problem, that would be of interest to the public, and I repeat the assurance of the wish of this office to be of the utmost possible assistance to you and your organization in this connection.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
J. H. WOODS,
Editor.

J. H. Woods, Esq.,—July 17th, 1923.

Editor and Managing Director,
The Calgary Daily Herald.

Dear Mr. Woods:—

Your letter of July the 10th came during my absence from the office. I desire to thank you for your renewed offer of co-operation in the organization of the wheat pool, and will be pleased to keep in touch with you and the Herald in regard to developments.

Yours most sincerely,
H. W. WOOD,
President.

Will Form Wheat Selling Agencies for the Three Provinces

Organization of a voluntary contract pool on a Provincial basis, but with one central selling agency for the three Prairie Provinces, was decided upon at a meeting of representatives of the United Farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and United Farmers of Manitoba, held in Regina on July 23rd. The decision of the U. F. A. to proceed with the formation of a Provincial pool was announced some time ago. The representatives from Alberta were President Wood, who presided at the conference, Stephen Lunn, chairman of the U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee, and W. J. Jackman, secretary of the committee. It was agreed that the Provincial associations should be responsible for the organization

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The Provincial Secretary's Page

Information for Officers and Members.

PEACE RIVER CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Peace River Provincial Constituency Association will be held in Spirit River, August 10th.

WARNER CONVENTION

A resolution urging continuance of the work of organization of a wheat pool, in order that the pool may "be in operation another year," was passed by the annual convention of the Warner Provincial Constituency Association, in Warner on July 18th.

Other resolutions asked that the market road leading east from Milk River be put in better condition for hauling the grain out in the fall, and that farmers owing taxes might be allowed to pay them, in part at least, by doing road-work; and that the Federal Government be asked to set aside more land for community grazing purposes. Addresses were given by M. J. Conner, M.L.A. for the constituency, and Wm. N. Merriam.

A. H. Steckle was re-elected president; Wm. N. Merriam and Mrs. Claude Brown were chosen vice-presidents; G. N. Holroyd, secretary; and Martin Madge, Arthur Pulham and N. L. Eliason, directors.

MEDICINE HAT PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Medicine Hat Provincial Constituency U.F.A. Association, held its Annual Convention, in the Orange Hall, July 10. Mr. H. C. McDaniel, president of the Association, spoke briefly of the wheat pool and other matters pertaining to the duties of his office. Other speakers were Hon. P. E. Baker, Robt. Gardiner, M.P., R. N. Mangles, Director of the U. F. A., Mrs. R. Clarke Fraser, Director of the U. F. W. A., and C. H. Harris, a member of the Central Executive.

Mr. R. H. Kent, secretary, gave a very satisfactory financial statement of the association's standing. Four important resolutions were passed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Federal Association.

The following officers were elected: President, Geo. Mackie, Irvine; vice-president, Mr. Tweedie, Fertile Plains; secretary, R. H. Kent, Medicine Hat; directors, Messrs. Geo. Mackie, Irvine; J. A. Flynn, Orion; W. Rabbit, Doondale, and Mr. Angus Baker, Medicine Hat.

CONTINENTAL GRAIN POOL.

At the annual convention of the Lac Ste. Ann Provincial Constituency Association, held in Whitecourt on July 13th, the following officers were elected: president, C. A. Stephens; vice-presidents, W. C. Turnbull and D. Munro; secretary, R. H. Hancex.

M. C. McKeen, M.L.A., addressed the convention, reviewing the questions dealt with by the Legislature. A motion was carried endorsing his stand on the various matters discussed.

The question of co-operative wheat marketing was discussed with keen interest and a resolution was carried asking the U.F.A. Executive to take steps to co-operate with the American Farm Bureau Federation in forming a Grain

DEFICIT FUND NEARS \$2,000 MARK

Contributions to the 1921 deficit fund received since the last issue of "The U. F. A." total \$126.50. Included in the total is an item of \$10 raised by the Throne Local through the sale of horse-hair. Members of the Local collected a bale of horse-hair, which was shipped to a dealer in Calgary, with instructions that the proceeds be forwarded to Central Office as a contribution to the fund.

The following are acknowledged:

Previously acknowledged	.....\$1,819.25
Grand Meadow, No. 628	..... 25.00
Milk River Valley, No. 5	..... 3.50
Mellowdale, No. 999	..... 5.00
East Lethbridge, U.F.W.A., No. 157	..... 5.00
One Four, No. 341	..... 2.00
Flagstaff, No. 950	..... 10.00
Dinton, No. 927	..... 17.50
Graminia, No. 1015	..... 10.00
Tolland, No. 808	..... 7.00
Wrentham, No. 599	..... 10.00
Ministick, No. 226	..... 7.00
Arrowwood, No. 1052	..... 5.00
Throne, No. 60	..... 10.00
Sunset Valley, No. 936	..... 9.50

Total\$1,945.75

Pool to market the grain crop of the North American continent.

Other resolutions suggested a more equitable system of taxation for school purposes; urged the selection of two representatives from each Provincial association to draw up a Provincial platform; and opposed the bringing in of immigrants at this time.

MY U.F.A. BUTTON.

(Contributed).

I wear my U.F.A. button always. I wear it when I'm going to meet my neighbors, to let them all see I'm proud to belong to my organization. I wear it when I'm going to meet people on business; and the more important the business, the more anxious I am to show that I'm part of a strong organization like ours. And I believe it makes a difference too.

You remember how Alf, a British Tommy in the trenches, could fetch whatever he wanted by rubbing his magic button, and how sometimes the button rather overdid things, bringing him more than he wanted, which was not always convenient. Alf thought his button was "too bloomin' wholesale." Well our U.F.A. button is not quite so full of magic as Alf's, but it certainly has helped me on many occasions. Before I realized just how much the U.F.A. did for our farmers I had some trouble over a tractor, and did not get any satisfaction till I took it up through our Local. Our secretary went with me to see the manager in Calgary and we both wore our U.F.A. buttons. I was never so surprised in my life as I was at the nice way we were received. Maybe I hadn't gone about it the right way at first, or maybe it was those U.F.A. buttons. Anyhow, I got a "square deal" and that's what the U.F.A. stands for.

I am told that in California members of the fruit growers' associations put metal plates on their front gates. They

say that wherever you see a good orchard you see the plate, "Member California Citrus Growers' Association," etc.

That's the message of the U.F.A. button, too. It's a distinguishing mark, worn by the farm people who care, who aren't thinking of themselves alone, but who want to make conditions in Alberta right, so that their own and other children will be able to stay on the farm and have a future that is worth while.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

The Chautauqua and Erie Grape Growers' Co-operative Association, whose secretary is H. E. Clark, Fredonia, N. Y., has a membership of 1,600 grape growers, and during 1921 with only a 20 per cent. crop shipped 700 cars of fruit which sold at \$800,000, to 88 different markets. It is estimated that the co-operative marketing of this crop saved the growers from \$15 to \$20 per ton.

The Maple Syrup Producers are among the latest converts to the co-operative marketing idea and they formed, early this year, the Maple Producers' Co-operative Association, with a membership of over 1,000 producers.

An association to look after the marketing of small fruits and vegetables has also been formed, under the name of the New York Canning Crops Co-operative Association, with Thomas Wright, 465, Persells Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., as secretary. This association has already contracted one quarter of a million dollars of this year's crop at a fair price.

FAVOR FIVE YEAR CONTRACT

Following an address by G. E. Roose, director for Victoria constituency, Ranfurly Local recently passed a resolution favoring the formation of a five-year contract pool.

TWINE SITUATION

According to all reports, the big crop that is in prospect is likely to result in a serious shortage of binder twine. Locals planning to order their binder twine co-operatively should make their arrangements at once if they wish to avoid disappointment.

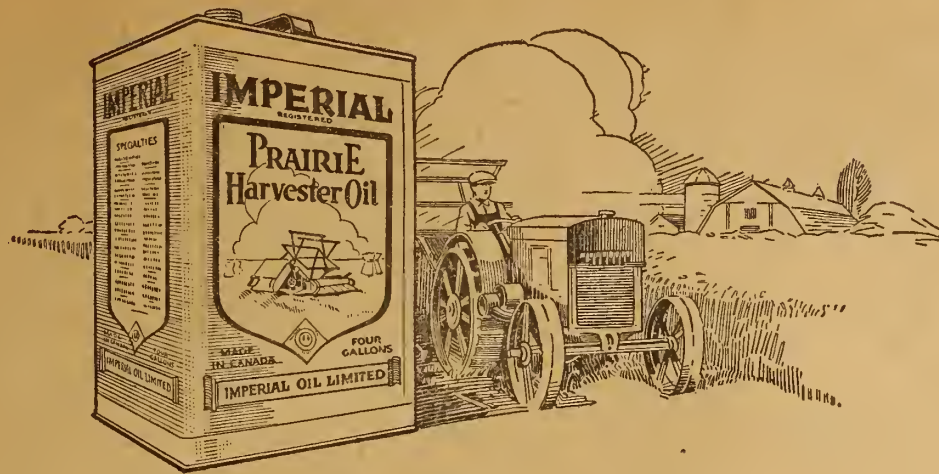
EDGERTON "CO-OP." HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Statements presented to the annual meeting of the Edgerton Co-operative Association, Limited, in Edgerton on June 25th, showed the results of the year's work to be satisfactory, and that the association was in a sound financial position.

A dividend of 8 per cent. on share capital was declared, and a 2½ per cent. purchase bonus on all purchases. An amount equal to 15 per cent. of the subscribed share capital was carried to reserve.

Of the three retiring directors, two, Messrs. Spencer and Granagan, were re-elected; the third, S. Byers, was unable to allow his name to stand for re-election, and Mrs. Hayes was unanimously chosen to take his place.

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Harvest Help

IMPERIAL Prairie Harvester Oil has been an old standby with farmers through many seasons. Made in two grades, it serves wide use for general bearing lubrication of mowers, threshers, binders, grain separators and numerous other farm machines.

Just as this one Imperial product aids in the *reaping* of the harvest others are equally important factors in *making* the harvest.

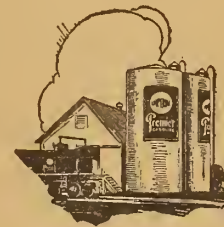
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The entire Imperial Oil organization stands with the farmer in his efforts to increase Canada's yearly harvest. Geologists searching for oil in the far Northwest; refinery workers in six great plants; salesmen, agents and dealers in every corner of the

Dominion—all feel equally responsible for maintaining the quality of our products and the standard of our service.

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The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

RESIGNATION OF U. F. W. A. BOARD MEMBERS

The U. F. W. A. Executive with much regret considered the resignation of Mrs. Mary Puncke, U. F. W. A. director for Bow River, and Mrs. Hector Macleod, U. F. W. A. director for Macleod. In each case the resignation was made necessary by home ties. Mrs. Puncke has been a member of the Board since January, 1921, while Mrs. Macleod was first elected director at the 1922 convention.

ADDITIONS TO INTERPROVINCIAL COMMITTEES

The U. F. W. A. Executive is requesting that a committee on Women's, Laws and Education be added to the standing committees of the Women's Section, Canadian Council of Agriculture, at the next annual meeting. It was pointed out that while education comes under the jurisdiction of Provincial legislation, the Provinces have much in common on this subject and that an inter-Provincial committee could do much to unify and correlate the best of the educational systems of each Province.

The U. F. W. A. has gained much useful information through its Laws Committee and it was felt that this was a subject of universal interest to farm women.

MARKETING FARM BY-PRODUCTS

With the repeated failure of grain crops during the past few years, the attention of the farmer and his wife has been more and more turned to the lowly hen. More interest is taken today in the flock of farm chickens than at any time in the history of the Province. The report of Mrs. H. E. G. H. Scholefield at the U. F. W. A. Annual Convention dealing with the marketing of eggs and poultry was therefore timely and provided much appreciated information.

Speaking of the co-operative marketing of eggs, particularly through the egg and poultry marketing service, Mrs. Scholefield said: "We know how co-operation in buying helps us, and we are proving by figures how it can help us in selling our eggs and poultry. From the 1st of January to the 15th of November, the Egg and Poultry Branch handled 225,000 dozen eggs, approximately 15 cars. These eggs were all candled and graded and sold on grade only.

Building Great Business

"By this system, there is a great business being built up for the producers of eggs in the Province. We are sending our eggs by car lots to the Coast, to Eastern Canada and to Great Britain, proving that we can produce Extra No. 1, if we try. Low grade produce is never of any account. Under the old system of trading our eggs at the local store, it made no difference what kind of eggs they were, and it hardly paid us to collect our eggs properly or even to see that they were clean. An egg was an egg, and a large fresh egg was worth no more than a small dirty one. Under the present system, the freshness and quality of every egg counts, and at the end of the season means quite a difference to the farm women who ship them."

In dealing with the co-operative marketing of poultry, Mrs. Scholefield

quoted the following statement from G. M. Cormie, Dominion Poultry representative, on the way in which the Egg and Poultry Marketing Service handles co-operative shipments: "On a certain arranged day the farmers will all deliver their poultry to the station platform, where they will be crated and weighed into properly equipped cars by a representative of the Egg and Poultry Marketing Service. The farmer will be given a statement of the number of pounds of each grade which he supplies and payment will be made according to the market price. By shipping in carlots in this way, the cost of transportation is easily cut by two-thirds, and farmers, by getting the grade and weight at shipping point do not stand any loss of shrinkage. The car is then sent into one of the branches of the Egg and Poultry Marketing Service or direct to an outside market. At the end of the season, after the poultry is disposed of, it is the policy of the Marketing Service, if there have been any profits accumulated, over and above depreciation, cost of operation and suitable sinking, the surplus is distributed back to the farmers in proportion to the number of pounds which they supplied."

Mrs. Scholefield said that since coming to the convention she had heard of several cases where co-operation in shipping poultry was very successful. In one case the women were awaiting their extra checks which were likely to be seven to nine cents per pound over and above what they received when they shipped their turkeys. Comparison was made to a case where there was no co-operation, and when a quantity of poultry was shipped to Calgary and the returns were made the crates had to be paid for as the price paid for the chickens did not cover that.

Saved \$960 on Turkeys.

Mrs. Scholefield in her report told of an interesting incident showing what can be done by co-operative effort in the marketing of turkeys. In the early fall, last year, several large poultry raisers had received letters from firms in Chicago offering prices as high as 45 cents f.o.b. Chicago. At the Secretaries' Conference it was pointed out by an experienced produce dealer that shippers would be ill advised to ship poultry to the United States market unless they were graded on the Canadian side before being shipped, as well as paid for, as the manner in which the produce would be graded on arrival might result in the larger part of the shipment being cut down several grades, thus seriously reducing the price. Information was also given that a large poultry house in the States would send a man to Calgary to grade turkeys to be shipped between Dec. 1st and 10th. As a result of this information being given, turkeys were shipped to reach Calgary not later than Dec. 10th to the amount of 16,000 lbs., or 8 tons. On Dec. 11th, the price of turkeys dropped six cents and continued to drop till the Saturday preceding Christmas day, when, in some cases, the price offered was 14 cents per pound. Farmers taking advantage of the offer secured a minimum aggregate increase in price of \$960.

Referring to the marketing of dairy products Mrs. Scholefield said, "Our milk and cream is now Government graded and our

grade in Alberta is slowly but surely improving. Most of our cream is handled by the creameries, dairy butter being in small demand, owing to the difficulty of grading. The estimated quantity of creamery butter for 1922 is 15,175,000 lbs. at a selling value of \$5,083,625; and cheese, 975,000 lbs. at \$170,625. Our butter and cheese now goes all over the world. Ten thousand pounds of Alberta butter is shipped to one point in Japan monthly, and shipments to other points are growing steadily."

Mrs. Scholefield, as convener of the Marketing Committee, is again making a study of the marketing of farm by-products and would very sincerely appreciate hearing from any Locals interested in this subject. Her address is Crossfield, Alberta.

WILL FORM WHEAT SELLING AGENCY FOR THREE PROVINCES

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tion of the pools in their respective Provinces, and that the contract should be for a term of several years, five being suggested.

Uniformity of plans in all three Provinces was considered desirable, insofar as this might be possible, and a committee consisting of W. J. Jackman, Alberta, J. A. Maharg, Saskatchewan, and D. G. McKenzie, Manitoba, was appointed to draw up a form of contract and secure the necessary legal advice. The same committee will also draw up plans for the establishment of an inter-Provincial selling agency, and take up other matters of detail, reporting to a later meeting of the conference. It was understood that the pool would be brought into operation at the earliest possible moment. During the greater part of the conference Messrs. Brouillette and Laid, of the Farmers' Union, were present, and they offered suggestions and took part in the conference. The conference adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman, President Wood.

The decisions of the meeting are contained in the following resolutions, which are published in full for the information of the membership:

1. Whereas the United Farmers of Alberta, the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association and the United Farmers of Manitoba have decided on the formation of voluntary pools for the co-operative marketing of wheat, and

Whereas it is desirable that there should be the fullest possible inter-Provincial co-operation:

Therefore be it resolved that this meeting pledges itself to endeavor to secure uniformity in the arrangements for organizing Provincial wheat pools and the placing of all pooled wheat on the market through an inter-Provincial selling agency.

2. Resolved: That this meeting is in favor of the organization of the Provincial wheat pools on a contract basis and that a committee be appointed to draw up, with the necessary legal assistance, a uniform form of contract for the three Provinces.

3. Resolved: That the committee appointed to draw up a form of contract be authorized to secure legal advice and draw up a proposed plan for the organization of an inter-Provincial selling agency, and also to consider all matters of an inter-Provincial nature connected with the proposed pooling system, and to report to a future meeting of this conference.

GOOD MONEY IN GOOD FARMING

"Let's Get to Work and Pay Off the Mortgage"

NINE years ago Canada's national debt was about one-third of a billion. It is more than two and one-third billions today.

Our debts have greatly increased—our revenues must also go up. The farmer has to bear his share of the increased burden. That means he must increase his revenue.

Complaint has been heard that farmers under present conditions in Canada cannot make farming pay. And yet many thousands of Canadian farmers *do* make it pay.

How Is It Done?

Patient and industrious "carry on" will do wonders, but something more is needed. Too often "patient industry" is coupled with "dull persistence" in poorly thought out methods.

Farmers today more than ever, must plan ahead, as well as "plug along"; indeed they have no option, if they wish to succeed.

Co-ordination of head and hand will mean real success. Farming in Canada has paid and pays now on many farms. It can be made to pay on almost every farm. Canadian agriculture has passed through many low profit-making eras successfully and can do so again.

With the increased cost of production, the present higher standards of living cannot be kept up by poor farm management, "boarder" milkers, scrub beeves, poor quality hogs or non-profitable hens.

That even under present conditions profits may be made is testified by many skilful, observant and non-plunging farmers, who believe more in the policy of "slow but sure" and "pay as you go" rather than speed, with excessive borrowing and the often consequent disaster.

The results on our Experimental Farms also bear testimony to the value of thorough, skilful work.

The Farmer Must Manufacture

But crops alone are not enough. The farmer must change his crops into less bulky and more high-priced products—milk, pork, beef, mutton, poultry, etc.

With fair yielding cows dairying shows good profits in Canada. The average cow has increased her yield 25% in the last ten years. She can quite readily go up another 25% and more, and there's where the profit lies. Better feeding, better selection and better breeding will do the job—feed, weed, breed.

To do better feeding means better pastures and more generous supplies of palatable roughage. Short rotations including clover and ensilage crops (corn, sunflower, pea, oats, etc.) will provide feed in abundance for both summer and winter. The experiments and investigations which the Dominion Department of Agriculture have carried on prove that farming scientifically and systematically undertaken will pay profits. The records and particulars of such work in every province are available to the Canadian farmer.

Are you growing grain, or producing seed or interested in fruit? We can give you information that will help you. Do you breed live stock? Are you keeping dairy cattle? Are you interested in poultry or bees? Ask us for information. We have some that will help you.

We have published and have for free distribution 390 different reports, bulletins and circulars dealing with matters of interest to you. Ask for what you want, or for a list of our publications.

We shall have something more to say later. Meantime write the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, about your problems.

Crop Returns Should Be Increased

On the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa some crop costs and crop profits in 1922 as contrasted with all-Ontario average crop costs and crop profits are given below. The all-Ontario figures are in brackets.

	Cost per acre	Profit per acre
Hay	\$21.13 (\$13.50)	\$11.21 (\$5.09)
Corn for		
Forage	\$47.50 (\$33.75)	\$10.38 (\$2.86)
Oats	\$26.47 (\$19.32)	\$ 7.33 (.04)

Similar results can be shown from the Dominion Experimental Farms in every province.

Experimental Farm crops are sometimes claimed to be produced at too great cost. Thousands of experiments, however, show that increased cropping costs wisely applied up to a reasonable point always increase crop profits. This is true on the Experimental Farm—it is also true on any and every farm.

Have Faith in Canada

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W. R. MOTHERWELL, Minister.

Dr. J. H. GRISDALE, Deputy Minister.

Corn Growers, Attention!

The growing of corn and sunflowers being the first attempt in many localities this year, farmers have hesitated about placing positive orders for corn harvesters and silage cutters, so as to give me sufficient time in which to place their orders with the factories and get the deliveries made direct from the factories in time to care for the crop.

I have therefore taken the chances myself and have brought forward a carload of

SILAGE CUTTERS

from Bell & Son Co., St. George, Ontario, and have a full assortment stored in Calgary, ready for delivery as orders are received.

I also have a carload of
MOLINE CORN BINDERS
coming of which a number are not yet ordered.

I anticipate a shortage of both kinds of machines and will ship what I have to supply the demand in the order that I receive positive orders for the machines with cash deposits.

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Medicine Hat Federal Convention

The 1923 annual convention of the Medicine Hat Federal Constituency U. F. A. Association was held in Medicine Hat on July 12th. Although the attendance was small, due to the busy season, bad roads and extreme heat, much business was accomplished and the convention was marked by its enthusiasm. The financial statement was very satisfactory.

R. Cates, president of the association, gave a brief address, assuring the delegates of a hopeful outlook for the Association's future. Mrs. R. Clarke Fraser, vice-president and U.F.W.A. director, gave a clear, concise account of the work since last convention. She also emphasized the necessity for a Junior Local in every district.

R. N. Mangles, U.F.A. director, gave an address on matters of general interest to the organization, and urged a greater co-operation, not only in selling but in buying. Robt. Gardiner, M. P. for Medicine Hat Federal Constituency, reported briefly the work of the special Parliamentary committee to inquire into agricultural conditions.

The convention unanimously endorsed a resolution calling for a wheat pool for 1923, with an iron-clad contract for a period of years, asking that the services of Aaron Sapiro be obtained, and that efforts be made to secure contracts from at least 60 per cent. of the Alberta farmers. The resolution also recommended, as soon as feasible, international co-operation in wheat marketing, and an attempt to fix the price of wheat so as to insure the producers the full social value of their products. A further resolution offered the services of R. N. Mangles and Robert Gardiner, M.P., to co-operate in any capacity possible with the Wheat Pool committee of the Central Board.

Other resolutions passed dealt with rural credits, land tax sales, supplementary revenue tax, municipal fire insurance, election of trustees in town, village or country, the placing of education on a Provincial basis, the Senate, and criticism of the new contract for school teachers.

Officers Elected.

Officers were elected as follows: President R. Cates, Oyen; vice-president and U.F.W.A. director, Mrs. R. Clarke Fraser, Rollinson; Director of U. F. A. R. N. Mangles, Youngstown; Directors, J. P. Watson, Chinook, C. H. Axelson, Brutus, W. S. Henry, Bow Island; Secretary, Mrs. A. Baker, Medicine Hat, re-appointed.

Brief addresses were given by Hon. Perren Baker, W. C. Smith, M.L.A., Lorne Proudfoot, M.L.A., W. G. Johnston, Labor M.L.A. for Medicine Hat, who was present during most of the session, was called out prior to the addresses.

The next annual convention will be held in Medicine Hat in October, 1924.

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MACHINERY EXCHANGE.

A plan to exchange second hand machinery has been adopted by the Consort Local, which it is hoped will effect considerable savings to the members. It is proposed to appoint a valuation commit-

tee, probably of three members, whose duty it will be to value all machinery put into the pool, estimate the life, with reasonable care, of each machine taken in, and estimate the probable working time of each machine per year. The committee will also be responsible for fixing a rental for each machine, on the basis of its valuation, including depreciation (based on probable life) and estimating the number of working days in each year. It is suggested that a contract be signed by each person taking out a machine, agreeing to pay the rate stipulated, together with any damage done, the damage to be decided by the valuation committee, of which the person borrowing should not be a member. Another suggestion made is that it would probably be wise to either collect the rental in advance or take a considerable cash deposit. The importance of having a specific contract, in order to prevent misunderstandings, is emphasized.

APPROVE KELLNER'S STAND

At the last meeting of the Bon Accord Local, a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to write to D. F. Kellner, M.P. for East Edmonton constituency, "expressing our confidence and complimenting him on his stand on immigration, banking, credits, and transportation, as well as his speech on the Budget."

FAVOR PROVINCIAL BANK

A resolution passed recently by the Douglas U. F. A. Local expresses the view that it is "imperative that the Alberta Government should make application to the Dominion Government for a charter to establish a Provincial bank and make such changes in the existing banking and other legislation as may be necessary to give effect thereto—and that the chief object of the bank when so created and established shall be to loan money at as low a rate of interest as possible."

LIMITATION OF WEALTH.

A resolution suggesting that a plebiscite should be taken in the Dominion on the question of limiting the wealth of individuals to one hundred thousand dollars, presented to the annual convention of the Pembina Provincial Constituency Association, was considered, and it was decided, without passing the resolution, to bring it to the attention of other Locals for their consideration.

EDITORIAL

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Most of the Canadian universities which were invited to send witnesses to the recent Parliamentary inquiry into the basis, function and control of financial credit, and into the Bank Act, failed to respond. A professor of a university in the city of Toronto who appeared at the inquiry, had to be given the protection of the committee, and was heard in private, no official record of the proceedings being kept. One of the professors of economics who was invited, explained that as a prominent banker was a member of the board of governors of the university, to give evidence freely might cost the witness his position. It would be interesting to know whether this Parliamentary inquiry had any bearing on the campaign against freedom in the universities recently launched by a Canadian financial newspaper, and supported by a daily paper in Calgary.

Say you saw it in "The U.F.A."

Practically All Wheat Headed Out

Harvesting Will Commence in a Few Districts on August 10th

By C. G. Groff, Publicity Commissioner

Alberta crops are progressing satisfactorily towards the harvesting stage. Although the precipitation has diminished in most districts during the past fortnight, there is sufficient moisture in the soil to carry the grain to maturity in practically all sections of the Province.

Practically all wheat is now headed out, and is filling rapidly and well. The stand of this grain in most districts is very heavy, and is from four to five feet and even more in height. Oats and barley are heading out and promise a good yield.

Haying is in progress over the Province, and the yield of native grasses is very heavy, although the timothy crop will be light. The first cutting of alfalfa has yielded well and the second growth is showing a good stand.

Harvesting of wheat will commence in a few districts in the Province as early as August 10th, but will not be general until between the 15th and 20th. The weather generally speaking has been very warm, with a few showers. In one or two districts in the south-eastern part of the Province, the hot weather has produced slight drought conditions, but the grain has not suffered to any appreciable extent. Grasshoppers are still causing some trouble in a few districts in the south, and there have been one or two serious flights. Little damage, however, is reported as yet.

Since last report damage from hail has been serious in some districts in a limited area, where the extent of damage has ranged from 25 to 75 per cent. A large number of claims have been received at the offices of the Municipal Hail Board, but the majority of these are for comparatively small amounts. The percentage of loss from this cause in the Province as a whole will not be great.

The latest estimate of the number of harvest hands needed in the Province is 12,000. The Department of Labor is exerting every effort to fill the demand. Excursions to the West will commence to arrive August 7, and the first party will reach Alberta between August 8 and 10. Appeals to employers in the Province are also being made to release as many employees as possible for the harvest season.

Farmers are reminded that it may not be possible to secure men on the exact date they are needed, and are asked where possible to take men on a day or two previous to commencement of harvest, in order that they may be taken care of.

LABOR FOR HARVEST FIELDS

It is estimated that between 10,000 and 12,000 men will be needed for the harvest fields in Alberta commencing about August 10th or 12th. The Labor Department of the Government, under Walter Smitten, Commissioner of Labor, is now canvassing all possible sources of supply of such labor. Harvest excursions will begin to arrive in Winnipeg on August 7th, and others will reach there August 10th, 16th, 18th, 21st. Alberta will get a considerable number from these excursions, and it is estimated that 2,000 or 3,000 men can be secured from B.C.

The Labor Department is making a special appeal to all employers in the Province to release as many of their employees as possible for the harvest fields. Men will be needed from August 10th, onward, and employers who can release employees, and employees themselves, are asked to register with the nearest Government employment bureau, which will see that the hands are placed. It is possible also that high school students will be asked to take a hand in the harvesting.

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THE WHEAT POOL AND POLITICS

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After the Board meeting it was made known to the public that the U. F. A. had decided to proceed, had made a definite beginning on the job, and were moving along as quickly as practicable. The organization of a wheat pool had begun. In the meantime a cloud, at least as big as a man's hand, had become visible on the political horizon. To change the metaphor, the time was evidently approaching when an assault such as was made on the U. F. A. in 1919, in Cochrane, must be delivered, not, however, in the form of a frontal attack against the organization of the wheat pool, but as a flanking movement against the U. F. A. itself.

A Trench Mortar Explodes

The attack was opened during the week of the Calgary Stampede, by a journal published in the largest city between Calgary and the North Pole. Reinforcements from somewhat unexpected quarters came into the line and opened fire within a few days. The forces assailed were becoming accustomed to the noise when on July 21st an ancient trench mortar which had been in the habit of falling short, exploded with almost terrific sound, and everybody looked to see if there had been any casualties. Nobody was hurt except the gunner, the echo died down in a few days, the over-zealous gunner was reprimanded with more or less severity by some of his comrades for "monkeying with obsolete artillery," and warned against a repetition of such pranks.

On July 21st the Calgary Herald announced under plunging headlines that this paper and the Edmonton Journal had made arrangements for Mr. Sapiro to come to Alberta and speak at a series of meetings in the interest of the wheat pool. This announcement was accompanied by a two-column editorial setting forth the policy of the paper in this enterprise, and also indicating what was expected of the farmer as a token of gratitude for this magnificent Greek gift. Perhaps the clearest idea of the price the farmers were expected to pay in return was expressed in the following paragraph:

"Farmers of Alberta, abandon this aloofness of recent years—an aloofness created for the economics of politics, not for the economics of grain growing. Take hold of your problems yourselves. Do not longer allow any office at Edmonton or at Calgary to say that you must do this and that you must not do that. Invite the interest and the assistance of the bankers and the business men of Alberta towns and cities in solving your largest problems, as the Kentucky tobacco growers and the California fruit growers invited and secured the active support of the business men of their communities."

Terms of the Ultimatum

Though it is rather vaguely expressed, there is nothing vague in the meaning of this ultimatum. The farmers are to repudiate their leadership at Edmonton, repudiate their leadership at Calgary, and go as individuals, under the protecting wing of the Herald, to other interests. It is not clear that the Herald could organize a wheat pool for the poor farmers, but it is very clear that

the Herald thinks it could get along without any U. F. A.

It may be of interest to turn attention for a moment to the events preceding this outburst. The editor of the Herald came to the president of the U. F. A. on July 3rd, and with every evidence of sincere interest offered to bring Mr. Sapiro to Alberta to speak at a series of meetings. Notwithstanding the memory of the Cochrane by-election, and the vision of the little cloud on the horizon, the president gave the editor the benefit of the doubt, and laid the proposal before the U. F. A. Board.

After discussing the matter in the light of the fact that the Government had already decided to obtain Mr. Sapiro's assistance in organizing the pool, and also to arrange for him to speak at several meetings in the Province, the Board decided that it would be advisable for Mr. Sapiro to come at the time when he could give the service most required in the organization of the pool. The Board accordingly instructed the president to reply by letter to the editor of the Herald, thanking him for his most generous offer, and to give the reason why the Board thought it best to proceed in its own way in the organization of the pool. Letters which passed between the president of the U. F. A. and the editor of the Herald are published elsewhere in this issue. When the Herald launched its campaign it had assurance that Mr. Sapiro would be brought into Alberta, and had itself definitely recognized that the best results were to be expected through the carrying out of the proposed arrangements.

No Political Entanglements

The farmers want a more efficient method of selling their wheat, and they are trying to organize a wheat pool to that end. They believe this is in their own interest, and in the interest of every other legitimate industry and occupation, and they want the co-operative assistance of everybody in organizing the pool and making it a success. This is purely an economic enterprise, and the farmers do not wish it to be entangled in political issues and controversies. They want the wheat pool to stand or fall on its own merits.

The U. F. A. is ready to deal with political affairs when the proper time comes, and stand or fall on what it is doing in that field. But one thing at a time. The question before us now is, do we believe that a wheat pool is economically sound? The political press seems to agree that it is. Then why not get into the game on that basis and help to put it over? Don't worry about politics. The farmers will give you all the entertainment you want in that line when the time comes. Be a little patient. Don't try to put your stampede and golf tournament on at the same time.

It was only when the U. F. A. had taken definite steps towards the organization of a wheat pool and was actively pressing forward with the work of organization that criticism of its "inaction" began. This criticism came from sources from which no assistance in the actual inauguration of the undertaking had come.

Mr. Sapiro's Meetings

Notwithstanding the questionable designation of those who are bringing Mr. Sapiro into Alberta, it may be hoped that good will result from his visit. All who are interested should find it worth while

to attend his meetings as individuals, if they can, but of course the U. F. A. cannot officially endorse the attack which has been made upon the organization. This, however, should not prevent members from obtaining every benefit possible from his meetings, without stultifying the organization.

TO HANDLE WHEAT UNTIL PROVINCIAL POOL FORMED.

Meeting at Macleod on July 17th, farmers of the Claresholm, Granum, Macleod, Pincher Creek and Cardston districts adopted important resolutions on the subject of co-operative marketing. The meeting recommended the formation of a Provincial or inter-Provincial wheat pool at the earliest possible moment, and that an effort be made to handle as large a proportion of the 1923 crop as possible, adopted a resolution favoring the development of the Western route and the removal of the differential freight rate through the mountains.

THE MACLEOD MARKETING PROJECT AND THE PROVINCIAL WHEAT POOL

(Continued from page 4)

G. Cooke, M.L.A. for Pincher Creek. Stephen Lunn, Pincher Creek, is secretary. In addition to members of the board resident in the constituency the meeting also made W. C. Smith, M.L.A. for Redcliff, Nelson S. Smith, M.L.A. for Olds, A. B. Claypool, M.L.A. for Didsbury, and Col. Robinson, of Munson, representing the Bow River constituency, ex-officio members of the board, with a view to the future linking up of organizations from the various constituencies.

W. H. Shields, M.L.A., is president, and T. C. Milnes, M.L.A., is treasurer of the association. Nine U. F. A. members of the Legislature attended the meeting.

The new organization will seek to use all existing facilities, or any others that may be created, to the best advantage, and will provide available machinery for use in a general Provincial pool when this can be established. I am sure we wish all our brother farmers in Macleod constituency who have thus created definite machinery for pooling of products, every success.

It is up to us all in the various constituencies to join them in the great work they have undertaken, because as soon as we are properly organized and as a body have decided to take action, we are welcome to join them and use any selling machinery which they may have established.

In conclusion I would like to point out that the action at Macleod was made possible because the farmers availed themselves of the help of the U. F. A. Central Board and used the information obtained by the Wheat Pool Committee, and were as a matter of fact greatly assisted by Mr. Lunn, the chairman of the committee, who is also secretary of the new marketing association. Moreover, they expect at an early date to meet the Government Committee with a view to getting further help.

The movement initiated by the Macleod farmers will certainly be of vital assistance to us farmers, and it will help the Province as a whole. We appreciate the sympathy and help of all broad-minded business men, and we are fortunate in having a great many in this Province who realize that the farmer under present conditions cannot possibly make the profit from his work which is coming to him. But remember, what we ask for is real, not camouflaged support.

What I mean is this, business men cannot help us if in proposing to do so they try to discredit our leaders duly appointed in convention, and to tear down our organization—and call that co-operative support, as those in charge of some newspapers seem desirous of doing.

Farmers, I want to leave this thought with you. Our membership does not include all the farmers as yet, but we have in the U. F. A. the only organizational machinery that can function efficiently in the formation of a pool. You know what I mean. Get busy and raise our membership to one hundred per cent.

Since the above was written by Col. Robinson the Huxley to Delburne U.F.A. District Association, at a meeting on July 28th, have decided to organize a district pool, and have adopted a resolution similar to that of the Macleod District farmers.

A provisional board of directors was appointed to organize the local pool, and to co-operate with other pools in efforts to establish one selling agency. With a view to signing up members, meetings will be held at Grainger, 2 p. m., August 6th; Carbon, 8 p. m., August 6th; Swallow, 2 p. m., August 7th; Three Hills, 8 p. m., August 7th; Trochu, 2 p. m., August 8th; Huxley, 8 p. m., August 8th; Elora, 2 p. m., August 9th; Lausanne, 8 p. m., August 9th; Delburne, 2 p. m., August 10th; Great Bend, 8 p. m., August 10th. A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., of Swallow, is secretary of the association.


CALIFORNIA RAISIN GROWERS RE-ORGANIZE

According to the Equity-Union Exchange, Greenville, Illinois, the Sun-Maid Raisin Growers, the largest co-operative marketing association of raisin growers in the United States, has found it necessary to undergo a complete re-organization. "The campaign of re-organization," it is stated, "came as the alternative to a complete dissolution of the association. Affairs within the company had been unsteady for some time. Inability to provide for lean years during times of plenty, coupled with increasing crops to be marketed, found the association without sufficient capital to handle its growing business." The old plan of pooling the raisins, it is stated, was weak in that "it did not provide sufficient working capital to handle, process, grade and market the crop." Sufficient operating capital has now been secured. The Equity-Union Exchange declares that "the wheat growers will never be able to build up a successful organization without ample working capital. However, any organization that is founded upon ample working capital and that has as a part of its program the ownership and control of marketing machinery will get the farmer farther along the road to market."


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While it is provided under federal law that formaldehyde must be sold in containers properly labelled as to strength, it is stated that it is quite legal for farmers to bring their own containers when purchasing formaldehyde, provided the merchant sees that such containers are labelled similarly to the containers from which the formaldehyde is taken, before the purchaser leaves the store. It is often inconvenient for farmers to purchase the material in large quantities. Merchants should keep a supply of labels on hand, in order that containers brought by farmers may be properly labelled.




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Dominion Government Policy on Condemnation Insurance

Important information in relation to the Dominion Government's policy on the subject of condemnation insurance has been obtained by H. E. Spencer, U.F.A. member for Battle River, from the Minister of Agriculture. This information was given in answer to a series of questions in the House of Commons, on April 18th and May 14th.

The insurance practice was adopted by the packers and the trade generally at the stockyards to protect themselves against loss from diseased animals, disease being revealed only on post mortem examination. It is contended that if condemnation insurance were abolished by law, buyers might reduce their bids by a greater amount than is now charged the producer on account of this insurance.

The following quotation from Hansard of April 18th is self-explanatory:

Cattle Diseases

How long has the present system of condemnation insurance been in vogue in Canada? Since 1907 or thereabouts when inspection of meats first became operative in Canadian packing plants.

Is the per cent. dockage the same for both cattle and swine? The tax works out at half of one per cent. on both cattle and swine. At Toronto cows are docked 50 cents per head, other cattle 20 cents, and shop hogs half of one per cent.

Is the per cent. dockage the same for all parts of Canada? Yes. It works out at half of one per cent.

Is it the same for cattle and swine of all ages? Yes.

What data have been collected to ascertain whether the amount of dockage collected is greater or less than the losses sustained because of condemnation? Understand that the packers have collected some data.

What data have been collected to determine whether or not disease is more prevalent among cattle over 5 years old than among those under five? Nil.

How is the loss sustained because of condemnation arrived at? Information available from the packers.

Have any data been collected with a view to ascertaining the average amount of salvage from a condemned carcass? Nil.

If so, what is the approximate ratio of the salvage to the first cost of the live animal? Information available from the packers.

Is it the purpose of the system of condemnation insurance in vogue in Canada to reimburse the butchers for animals condemned whether the ailment for which the animal is condemned is visible to the buyer or not? It may not be the purpose but it is the effect.

In what countries other than Canada, is a flat rate of dockage collected regardless of age, class, or point of origin of the animals? No information.

What is the custom in Great Britain with respect to these matters? No information.

The following is from Hansard of May 14th:

Question of Discontinuance

Have any steps been taken or orders issued in the past by the Department of Agriculture looking towards the discontinuance of the system of condemnation insurance in Canada? Yes.

If so, upon whose request was this done? Many requests had been received from different sources, but action was taken specifically upon resolution from the Western Canadian Livestock Union.

Was it carried into effect? No.

If such an order was issued and not carried into effect, what was the reason for the failure to do so, and upon whose request or demand was this failure brought about? The order was first issued early in 1920, based upon a ruling by the Justice department pointing out that the charges referred to would appear to require legisla-

tive sanction unless justified by well-established usage. Subsequently, however, in the same year, it was agreed with the various livestock interests, producers and packers both being included, that it would be inadvisable to put the order of discontinuance into effect unless and until a constructive policy could be developed, providing comprehensively for the elimination of tuberculosis in commercial cattle. This agreement led to the organization of the Animal Contagious Diseases Eradication Board, for the purpose of working out such a policy. This Board met on several occasions and agreed upon a progressive program which was submitted to the Government. This program, the Government felt, could not be financed by itself alone, and that the producers would be expected to assist by taxing themselves in connection with the sale of commercial cattle. This question was referred to the Western Canadian Livestock Union in December, 1920, but in view of the fact that it was found impossible to reach an agreement as between the Government and producers' interests respecting the financing of the policy, the program which had been drafted was, by force of circumstances, allowed to drop. This being the case, the order was not put into effect and the matter has not been since presented to the Government.

POTATO SEED TREATMENT.

"Potato Seed Treatment" is the title of a pamphlet by G. H. Cutler and G. B. Sanford, of the College of Agriculture, University of Alberta, and distributed by the Department of Extension at the University. The pamphlet deals briefly with the diseases that affect potatoes, and with the methods of preventing them, giving full details for treatment of seed by formalin and corrosive sublimate. Formalin is stated to be effective for scab, and the corrosive sublimate for both scab and rhizoctonia.

INDIAN AND RUSSIAN CROPS

India's wheat crop for the season 1922-1923 is the largest on record, according to a cablegram from the Indian Director of Statistics. The crop totals 401,857,000 bushels, from 30,492,000 acres. The highest previous wheat yield was 384,144,000 bushels in 1917-1918.

According to L. Krassin, of the foreign trade department of the Russian Government, Russia will export from two to three million tons of wheat, or from 66,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels this season. The American Relief Administration in Russia confirms the statement that Russian exports will be heavy for the first time since the war, as recovery from the effects of the famine is proceeding rapidly, the new economic policy having stimulated production. Russian methods of cultivation have always been very primitive, but modern implements are now being introduced as rapidly as possible. Officials of the Russian department of agriculture recently visited the Alberta Department of Agriculture and other Canadian departments, for the purpose of studying up-to-date methods of farming.

WHEAT AS BASIS OF SHARES

The suggestion is made by John Egger, Lake Thelma Local, in response to Mr. Jackman's request for contributions to the Wheat Pool plan, that the basis of shares should be bushels of wheat instead of dollars.

Mr. Egger uses the \$25 share of the United Grain Growers, Ltd., as an illustration, and says that the value of one share was equivalent to about 40 bush. of No. 1 N'thn. Wheat in 1914, 10 bushels in the fall of 1919, and 35 bushels in the fall of 1923. During this time the comparative value of wheat, lumber, and wages had been altered to a far less extent. It is the dollar, and not the wheat, says Mr. Egger, that has changed its value. "A bushel of wheat will make the same amount of flour, and feed a family

about an equal length of time, providing their appetites have not changed. Its use value has not changed, and its exchange value has changed very little."

"Bushels of wheat," Mr. Egger continues, "its equivalent in other commodities such as the co-operative organization is prepared to handle, or its equivalent in money, should be the basis of share-capital. . . . In this way the subscribers of different years will know that they are on a basis of absolute equality. If we are as yet too weak to force the rest of the world to exchange commodities on a basis of equality with us, we can at least establish a measure of equality among ourselves.

"Since dollars change in value, let us establish commodities as the basis of share-capital and I believe the three hundred thousand or more farmers of the three western Provinces will respond with great enthusiasm.

"Remember that commodities are the real wealth. Money is but its representative, its shadow. Why let the shadow control the reality?"

WOOL CROP IN SOUTH

It is now estimated by the Southern Alberta Wool Growers' Association that the clip in the south part of the Province will reach a million pounds, and that the average price will be about 28 cents.

COST OF CATTLE TARIFF

The Western Stock Growers' Association, in a letter written from Calgary to Chairman Marvin of the United States tariff commission, estimates that the Fordney-McCumber tariff is costing Canadian cattle growers \$15,000,000 a year.

FARMERS' UNION LABEL

Organized farmers of the State of Washington have adopted the practice of using the organization label on products offered for sale in the cities. The label has been registered, and the organized labor of the cities has decided to encourage the purchase of the labelled products in preference to others. It is anticipated that the organized labor people of the cities will by this means give substantial assistance to the farmers' organizations.

CITIZENSHIP NOT A SPASMODIC ERUPTION

A letter to Locals from Mrs. Winnifred Ross, secretary of the Strathcona Federal Constituency Association, contains the following:

"Through our Strathcona District Association we have the opportunity of continuing the work begun by our organization when we decided to take democratic political action. The election of a representative was merely an initial step. It now remains for us to pursue the course which in 1919 we adopted as a sane, logical, and efficient means of exercising our citizenship. Remember citizenship is not a spasmodic eruption at election time, but something which must be continually exercised."

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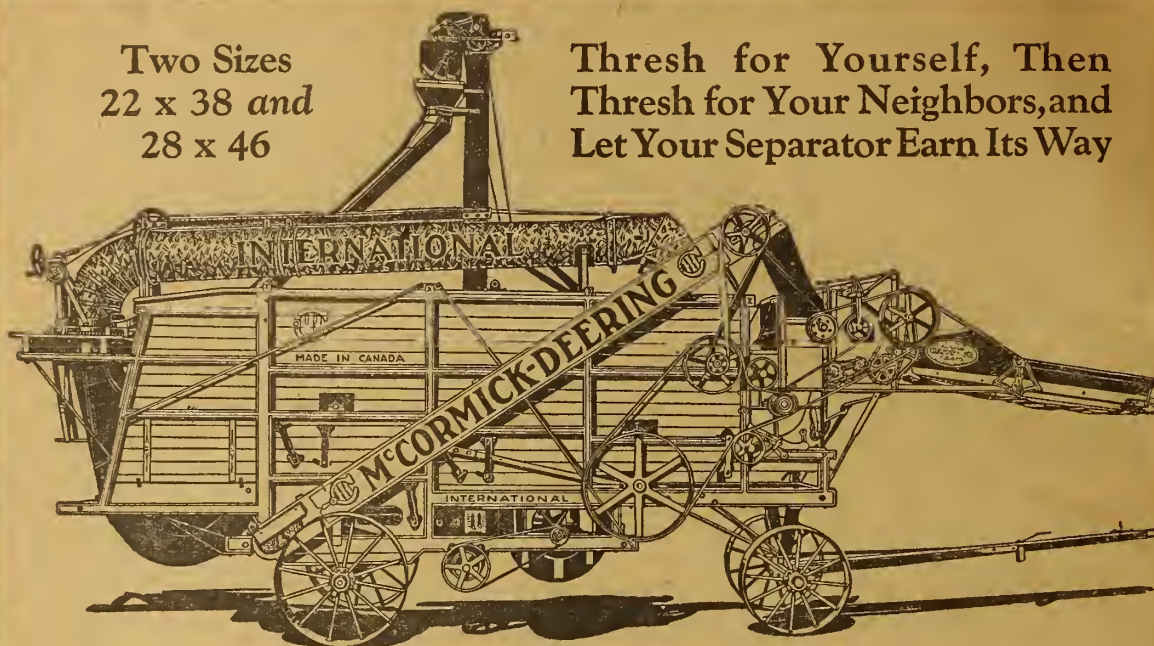
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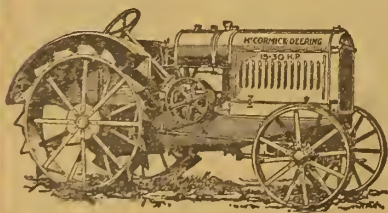


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